

NOTICE OF A MEETING

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m. City Hall – Second Floor Conference Room 200 W. Vulcan Brenham, Texas 77833

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

WORK SESSION

3. Discussion and Review of 90% Plans Associated with Jackson Street Park Improvements (Burditt Consultants LLC) (page 2 &3)

REGULAR SESSION

- 4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the July 10, 2024, Regular Meeting (page 4 & 10)
- 5. Staff Updates: (page 11 & 15)
 - Administration
 - Blue Bell Aquatic Center
 - Recreation
 - Parks Maintenance
- 6. Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the September 11, 2024 agenda of it Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was posted to the City Texas on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at a.m./.p	Hall bulletin board at 200 W. Vulcan, Brenham,
Tammy Jaster, Staff Liaison	
City of Brenham Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	
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I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be Recreation Advisory Board was removed by me from the, 2024 at a.m./p.m.	, ,
Signature	Title

Public Works

Memo

To: Parks Advisory Board Members

From: Dane Rau

Date: 9/6/2024

Re: Discussion and Review of 90% Plans Associated with Jackson Street Park Improvements

(Burditt Consultants LLC)

The City of Brenham Parks and Recreation staff has been working with Burditt Consultants LLC to make upgrades to Jackson Street Park. There has been a total of \$1.2 million dollars directed to upgrade amenities at this park which comes directly from the Brenham Community Development Corporation and 401B sales tax revenues. Of that \$1.2 million dollars anout \$1 million can be directly realted to new amenities or new construction.

We started with a Master Plan and have now worked through the major amenities and today, Burditt will explain those as well as go over the estimated costs associated with the desired amenities.

The main focus in this first phase is to improve the park as it relates to ADA Standards, replacement of old play equipment, overhaul of the electrical throughout the park which will improve the field lighting, trail lighting, parking lot lighting and low-level lighting as well as a new restroom facility.

Burditt Consultants LLC will give a presentation to the board and those in attendance to walk through the new amenities and what can be addressed with the allocated funds.

There is hope that a Phase 2 could occur in the upcoming years to address some other amenities that are not included in Pahse 1 such as additional pickleball courts, an open-air pavillion, and more connectivity in the middle of the park.

We encourage the board to ask questions as well as citizens attending the meeting. Our goal is to bid out this project in late October and start construction in late 2024 or early 2025.

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MINUTES

CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD July 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, beginning at noon at Brenham City Hall – Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Bill Betts, Delbert Boeker; Ginger Bosse; Lee Chamers; Trisha Hartstack; Tina Henderson; Ann Jacobs; Dusty Robinson

Members Absent:

Wendy Buth; Courtney Mason; Harvey McIntyre,

City of Brenham Staff Present:

Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Tammy Jaster, Kyle Branham; Kelsey Toy

Citizens/Others Present:

Vicki Bruce, Lisa Keesler: Linda Thomas

Media Present:

KTEX/KWHI – Brenham Banner Press – Sarah Forsythe

1. Chairman Bill Betts called the meeting to order

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments

Lisa & Vicki wanted to Thank Parks Department for hanging the flag at the Pickleball Courts

WORK SESSION

3. Discussion Regarding Updates on the Brenham Family Park

Dane Rau started the Discussion A proposed layout of the Brenham Family Park was provided to all members of the board. The City of Brenham has received positive news

from Texas Parks and Wildlife concerning the Brenham Family Park Grant from 2020. After many studies, reports, environmental assessments and correspondence with both the National Parks Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife we have been told by Texas Parks and Wildlife that they have received the approval to issue a Notice to Proceed to the City of Brenham as it relates to Phase 1 of the Brenham Family Park from the National Parks Service.

We are actively working with Quiddity to finalize the design and meet the grant elements while also getting a better understanding of the overall budget of the development of Phase 1 (a). We should receive the notice to proceed within the next 30 days from TP&W and will have from 3-5 yrs. to complete the grant elements that consist of utility improvements, parking, restrooms, walking/bike trail, amenity lake/detention, lighting, wildflower areas, pedestrian bridges and signage.

When we applied for the grant in 2020 the largest grant amount was \$750,000. We will receive that along with additional funds that were previously earmarked for the Brenham Family Park by BCDC which consists of another \$794,000. This currently gives the city \$1.54 million dollars to start on the Brenham Family Park amenities. With inflation and significant price increases over the last 4 years we know it will take additional funds to get this project off the ground and yet meet the grant elements that were submitted. We are currently working with both Quiddity and Texas Parks and Wildlife to make sure we meet the grant elements yet receive a complete project that all of Brenham can be proud of.

This is the closest we have ever been and now the reality of moving forward to open this park up while finding ways to fund the amenities will be a top priority for staff, the City of Brenham, Parks Board and BCDC. We will be having discussion with BCDC, Parks Board and City Council and get their input on the timeline, priorities going into construction, and additional resources needed to fulfill grant elements. We do have some time, as once the NTP is sent to the City of Brenham we have 3 yrs. to construct the park with a possibility of an additional 2 yr. extension.

We just wanted to share the good news that we have verbally been told by Texas Parks and Wildlife and update Parks Board

Board Member Dilbert Boeker asked for 3 years with option of 2-year extension to get project done correct.

Board Member Lee Chalmers asked what reasons there might be to extend 2 years. Dane Rau responded that possible delay in construction, weather related, bids or increase in bids coming in.

Board Member Dilbert Boeker asked if additional funding could we go out for if pricing comes in higher. Dane Rau stated he was not sure.

Board Member Ann Jacobs verified that no bids for anything has currently been acquired. Dane stated that we have not gone out for bids but 90% done with design & pricing.

4. Discussion Regarding Re-Organization of a 7x7 and 11x11 Soccer League Utilizing Hohlt Park Fields

Dane Rau took this item as Casey Redman is out on vacation. Staff has been approached about allowing an organization to utilize Hohlt Park Soccer Fields for a 7x7 and a 11x11 soccer leagues. Casey and I met with the Ramos Brothers, and they are looking at organizing a league that possibly will range from 5 yr. olds to adults. This is similar to Quik Foot soccer and would give a large range of soccer enthusiast a place to play competitive soccer.

We would like to discuss with the board this approach and work through some logistics as it relates to length of season, use of fields and rates charged. When we visited with the Ramos Brothers the first thing that they have to secure is insurance for hosting a league and playing at City of Brenham Fields. This is required of all leagues, select teams and tournaments when playing on Brenham fields. Once insurance is provided, we can move forward with other logistics. Their preference is to play on Thursdays and Sundays and utilize up to 3 fields total. They would also like this to be a 10–11-month season. We spoke to them about field usage during the Fall with WCYSA, Flag Football, Blinn Soccer and other entities using the fields and how we need to make sure to not abuse the fields to keep them in good playing shape. They are open for discussion, and we would like to speak with the board on a few items......

- 1. Is this something of interest with already having WCYSA? (This would bring adult soccer back and more options).
- 2. How long of season are we comfortable with?
- 3. What type of fee schedule do we assign since this is not a local league and the length of season may extend a lot longer?
 Casey and I will present this item and be able to work with the board on a preferred direction. We will need your feedback as we want to accommodate more users but need to be careful how we do so.

Staff feels 11 months is to long but we also want to meet in the middle to get some adults/kids involved. Chairman Bill Betts asked about he southside by the amphitheater however there is little to no lighting there. Board Member Ginger Bosse asked if they are affiliated with any association. Dane Rau stated they were not. Kyle Branham stated this would be a community organization and by word of mouth.

Board Member Trisha Hartstack asked what the difference between WCYSA and this was. Dane stated that this group would include members from all around, not just Brenham/Washington County. Trisha then stated that a benefit would be that it brings people to the area and helps with HOT tax.

Board Member Dilbert Boeker stated that he felt \$10 was not fair to charge this group as we should charge them more.

Kyle stated that \$50/\$60 per person for the season was about a normally cost. Kyle also stated that club soccer in Washington County is for the youth up to age 12 and there is nothing currently for 13+

Board Member Dusty Robinson suggested that maybe we look at a daily rate to charge for the use of the fields or start with a 6-month option and reevaluate.

Because this is unique, and the amount of time spent it is hard to determine a rate fair to the city and fair to the league.

This is like a church league for soccer open to outside Washington county residents. Per Day there maybe 1-3 games per day depending on the day and what else is going on at the fields. Board Member Dusty Robinson suggested some type of daily rate especially if there is multiple games in one day. Or come back to board with a new rate for something like this.

REGULAR SESSION

5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the July 10, 2024, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Lee Chalmers and seconded by Board Member Ann Jacob to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024, regular meeting.

Chairperson Bill Betts called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Bill Betts Yes Board Member Delbert Boeker Yes Board Member Ginger Bosse Yes Board Member Wendy Buth **Absent** Board Member Lee Chalmers Yes Board Member Trisha Hartstack Yes Board Member Tina Henderson Yes Board Member Ann Jacobs Yes Board Member Courtney Mason **Absent** Board Member Harvey McIntyre **Absent** Board Member Dusty Robinson Yes

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Rehab Intensive Program combining Rehabilitation and Aquatic Therapy to be offered at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center.

Tammy Jaster and Kelsey Toy discussed this opportunity. We have been presented with a possible partnership with Amberly Darby, a licensed PTA for over 20 years specializing in an intensive program for neurological disorders as well as rehabilitation following neurological traumas.

Staff had the opportunity to meet with Amberly about the possible partnership. The partnership would include leasing the use of the facility in order to launch a location in Brenham to bring a unique opportunity to families and the community of a new enhanced Intensive Program. Thie Program Wings to SOAR is tailored to meet the needs of children and families first. The program will enhance the Thera Suit Method Intensive Program by combining it with aquatic therapy as well as horseback therapy.

Amberly has meet with the Horse Arena and will be utilizing their facility 3 days a week asking to use our multipurpose room 2 days a week along with the pool.

This program is unique to the customer base it reaches. Normally families must seek the Thera Suit Method, Aquatic Therapy, and Equine Therapy in different locations. Amberly is combining her knowledge into one program for the client.

The program focuses on core stabilization as the center, brain mapping to organize motor planning, and accelerate outcomes by reinforcing positive patterns for improving rehabilitation of the body as a whole, to create: SOAR: Stabilize, Organize, Accelerate Rehabilitation.

This is an intensive 3-week program for 2.5 hours a day x 5 days a week x 3 consecutive weeks. During this time, additionally they will utilize the therapy pool for 1 hour 2 days a week for the 3-week program. There would be up to 3 clients each month with a week break monthly.

Amberly is requesting the use of the multipurpose room for the Thera Suit Method, the opportunity to keep the unit tucked in the corner of the room, and use of the pool. Amberly would be at the facility from 830am – 5pm 2 days a week. Pool time would be during open hours and not during peek aerobic or high usage times. Pool time would consist of Amberly and patient so not much room is needed.

Staff is requesting guidance on this possible partnership, pricing, etc. as we have not had a partnership similar to this one in the past.

Board Member Trisha Hartstack said as a therapist, she absolutely loving this idea because therapy is so huge for any type of chronic or acute illness so this combination is a wonderful addition to the community.

Board Member Lee Chalmers asked if she has insurance and labiality and she does under the SOAR umbrella.

Linda Thomas stated that there were a couple of therapists that contacted me about this, and I'm talking registered therapist in the community about what this was about. They saw the minutes. This is all brand new to me and I didn't need any information as to who they were dealing with, but they did want to address the question of basically, is it certified people and so forth.

And then I guess my other question would be in the past we've had, therapist and businesses that also work in various rehabs and so forth that have set up usage of the pool for clients and it never seem to last, so I was hoping that the therapist could have been here but I think we need to look closely to the program, to this person/therapist. Especially her not being a local person and the impact it may have on the existing professionals in this community, there be a negative ripple effect.

Dane stated that John did work with the BBAC but once COVID hit, they ended up putting a pool into their own facility and assisting their clients on their own.

Board Member Trisha Hartstack stated this was really geared to Neuro, this isn't rehab from a stroke, surgery or injury, this should not pose any threat to the therapist around here. This is very specialized service that isn't offered in our community.

Question was brought up if she accepted insurance from clients, but currently she does not. This is something she is working towards, but currently is not able to. Her clients pay out of pocket for this service and treatment.

Chairman Bill Betts stated that we may want to ask the City Lawyer to look at this and come up with an agreement.

A motion was made by Board Member Delbert Boeker and seconded by Board Member Lee Chalmers to work with the City Attorney and then move forward with contract.

Chairperson Bill Betts called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Bill Betts Yes Board Member Delbert Boeker Yes Board Member Ginger Bosse Yes Board Member Wendy Buth **Absent** Board Member Lee Chalmers Yes Board Member Trisha Hartstack Yes Board Member Tina Henderson Yes Board Member Ann Jacobs Yes Board Member Courtney Mason **Absent** Board Member Harvey McIntyre **Absent** Board Member Dusty Robinson Yes

7. Parks and Recreation Staff Updates

Public Works Director Dane Rau spoke on behalf of Casey Redman and Parks Updates. Henderson concession window replaced; Tree trimming in various parks; 4" water line installed at Hohlt; Numerous limbs and trees down from storm; Trail light repairs at Henderson Park; Tree replacement at Owsley; Multiple water leaks ongoing Hosted Minor League All-start tournaments at Linda Anderson-June 14th through June 25th. Will also host Minor Sectional Tournament July 3rd-July 8th

Aquatics & Recreation, Superintendent Tammy Jaster reported statistics for the Blue Bell Aquatic Center, staffing, maintenance, programs for recreation, and usage/participation. Locker-room project update. Tammy Jaster and Kelsey Toy have attained their Association of Aquatic Professionals Designation (AqP); Kelsey Toy has also obtained her CPRP Certification (Certified Park and Recreation Professional); will be gearing up for end of summer and Fall staff. Pool has been busy with parties, dolphins swim team, and special Olympic swim team. Locker Rooms were completed and open Memorial Day Weekend. On the Recreation side the Carousel is still operating on Saturdays and for rentals. Cards Club, Walk with a Doc, Pizza Bingo, and Pop Up Play Days going strong. And Movies in the Park has some hic ups due to weather but we are working and rearranging days.

6. Adjourn

Chairman Bill Betts adjourned the meeting.					
Bill Betts, Chairperson					
ATTEST:					
 Tammy Jaster, Staff Liaison					



Memo

To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

From: Casey Redman, Parks Superintendent

Date: September 11th, 2024

Re: Park Maintenance and Tournaments

Park Maintenance:

Numerous water leaks

- Drainage repair at Hohlt
- Tree trimming at all parks
- Installed boundary lines on volleyball courts at Firemans and Hohlt
- Field light repairs at all soccer fields
- Ongoing routine maintenance-moving, weedeating, flowerbeds
- Mole cricket reduction at all fields
- Painted all soccer fields for various groups.

Tournaments:

	JULY			
6th-7th	Texas Baseball Tournaments	BB	Firemans, Henderson, Schulte (cancelled)
3rd-8th	WCLL Minor League All-Stars-Sectional	BB	Schroeder and Dallmeyer	
13th-14th	Results BB-Andy (12th-14th)	BB	Firemans, Henderson, Schulte (rainout)	
11th-14th	4-Tier-Shannon	SB	All 7 Softball fields	12
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27th-28th	USA Softball of Texas District 30-Nationals	SB	all 7 softball fields	23
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2nd-3rd	Timoty Sheets-WCYSA camp	Soccer	Fields 1,2,4	10
3rd-4th				
10th-11th	Texas Baseball Tournaments	BB	Firemans, Henderson, Schulte	8
17th-18th				
	August 22, 24, 31-GAMES ON RANKIN			
24th-25th				
31st-1st	Santiago	SB	All 7 softball fields cancelled	
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7th-8th	Texas Baseball Tournaments		Firemans, Henderson, Schulte cancelled	1
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7th-8th	Texas Twelve	BB	Cooper (80), Matthies (70), Schroeder (8	16
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14th-15th	4-Tier-Shannon	SB	All 7 Softball fields	
15th	STYSA Soccer	Soc	5 – 11v11 fields	
			4 – 9v9 fields	
14th	Texas Twelve	BB	Henderson (90')	
21st-22nd	BVR-Jared	BB	Firemans, Henderson, Schulte	
	Santiago	SB	All 7 softball fields	
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28th-29th	BVR-Jared		Firemans, Henderson, Schulte	
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12th-13th	Texas Baseball Tournaments	BB	Firemans, Henderson, Schulte	
11th-13th	Cowart Sporting Events	SB	All 7 fields	
12th	BYFL-football on Kenjura/4	F	Kenjura 10a, 12p, 2p	
12th	Brenham KofColumbus-Field #2	SOC	soccer challenge	
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Hohlt Fall Soccer/Football use

Field 1-4 small fields for WCYSA M/T/Th

Field 2-Blinn practices, Monday and Wednesdays-Challenge/Jungers practice from 5:45-7

Field 3-First Baptist School flag football practices and games. Also used by BFFL for practices and games in the evening after First Baptist. Moses Ochiche-Crush Soccer Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:00 on the end of Kenjura/out of football's way. BYFL needing full-size football field October 12 and 19th

Field 4-BFFL practices and games from August-November

Field 5-WCYSA M/T/Th

Field 6-WCYSA M/T/Th

Fields 7,8,9,10-WCYSA M/T/Th

Rankin-Blinn Men's and Women's home games

Jackson Street Park

Brenham Youth Football League- Painting ½ fields on 2 and 3.

Tuesdays on Fields 1,2,3 from 6pm-8pm

Thursdays on Fields 1 and 4 from 6pm-7pm and fields 2 and 3 from 6pm-8pm

Brenham Champions League-

Thursdays on fields 1 and 4 from 7pm-11pm

Tigres Academy (Juan Briones) is a newer select league-

M, W, possibly Friday-Field 3 from 6pm-9pm



City of Brenham Blue Bell Aquatic Center

To: Parks Board

From: Tammy Jaster, Aquatic & Recreation Superintendent

Subject: Aquatics & Recreation

Date: September 6, 2024

Personnel Update

- Hiring for FALL/SPRING Staff

Craig will be Retiring in February so we are starting to prep for his departure

Update on Projects

- Locker rooms complete
- Single Use Restrooms work to begin in the next week or so hoping to finish up in October
- Canopy replacement of Playground Canopy will start in October

Pool Usage:

- Regular and Private Party Booking for Fall/Spring regular & private parties
- **Brenham Swim Team –** High School & Junior High practicing in the mornings from 630-830am
- **Brenham Swim Club –** started back up September 4 and will practice M-Th from 415–515pm
- **Brenham Waves Special Olympics Swim Team –**Regional Swim Meet on September 7th

BBAC Usage

BBAC USAGE	July/August 2024	PARK CENTRAL USAGE (RENTALS)	July/August 2024
TOTAL VISITS	16,958	CAROUSEL RIDERS & RENTALS	883
PASSES SOLD	266	FIREMAN'S PARK KITCHEN	25
PHONE CALLS TO PARK	1,648	FIREMAN'S ROCK ROOM KITCHEN	12
CENTRAL			
BRENHAM STATE SUPPORTED	5	FINKIE PAVILION RENTAL	2
LIVING CENTER			
KRUSE VILLAGE VISITS	44	HENDERSON PARK KITCHEN	18
RENEW ACTIVE VISITS	187	AMPHITHEATRE	0
SILVER SNEAKER VISITS	790	ALL SPORTS BUILDING	18
SILVER & FIT VISITS	77	JACKSON STREET PARK KITCHEN	9
SWIM TEAMS	4		

Recreation

- CAROUSEL
 - Continues with hours on Saturdays 11am 4pm and Rental opportunities from Sunday - Friday
- CARDs CLUB
 - o 1st Wednesday of each month, FREE..11am 1pm...
- PIZZA BINGO
 - o 2nd Friday of each month...\$8/student... 5pm 730pm...Enjoy Pizza & Bingo
 - o This Friday, September 13th
- Pop Up Play Days
 - o October 5 Fireman's Park
 - November 9 Jackson Street Park
- KIDS GONE FISHIN' 18th Annual Kid Fish
 - o 9am 11am Fishing
 - o Awards to begin at 1130am
 - Adding an additional category for Adaptive Angler (open to all ages)
- **STORYWALK -** New Children's Book @ ½ mile trail at Fireman's Park (each month)
- Walk with a DOC -1st Tuesday of month at Blinn Kruse Recreation Center @ Noon
 - o Averaging 27 36 participants
 - Due to facility conflicts we did not have a walk in June/July but will pick back up in August

Future Programs & Events

Blue Bell Aquatic Center FALL Hours

- Leisure Pool CLOSED
- Monday Thursday
 - o Indoor Pools 6am 1pm & 4pm -7pm
- FRIDAY
 - o Indoor Pools 6am 1pm
- Saturday Indoor Pools 9am 1pm
- Sunday ALL POOLs CLOSED

Splash Pad Hours – CLOSING September 30th

- Monday Friday: 9am 11am & 4pm - 7pm
- Saturday: 10am 6pm
- Sunday: 1pm 6pm

- September 13 PIZZA BINGO 530pm 730pm
- September 14 CAROUSEL OPEN 11AM 4PM
- September 16-21 Washington County Fair Week-GOOD LUCK to all the Participants
- September 21 CAROUSEL OPEN 11AM 4PM
- September 28 KIDS GONE FISHIN' 18th Annual Event
 - O Fishing 9am 11am (booths & activities)
- September 28 CAROUSEL OPEN 11AM 4PM

- Sept 29 Octr 6 -- CLEAN SWEEP WEEK
 - ALL POOLS CLOSED FOR ANNUAL CLEANING/REPAIRS
- October 1 Walk with a Doc 12pm 1pm
- October 2 Cards Club 11am 1pm
- October 5 POP UP PLAY DAY 10am Noon (Fireman's Park)
 - Carousel Rides; Buff City Soap Craft;
 StoryWalk; Lawn Games; Lots of FUN and ACTIVITIES... See you there.